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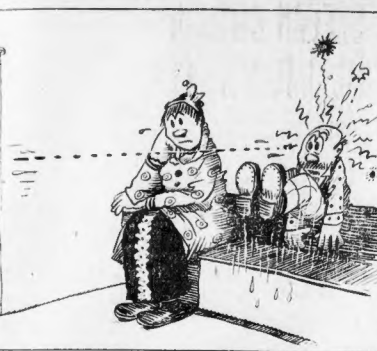
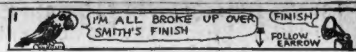


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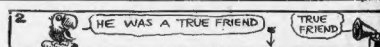
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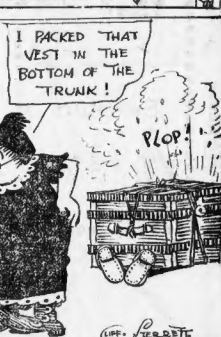
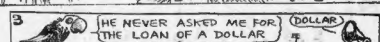
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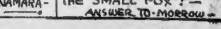
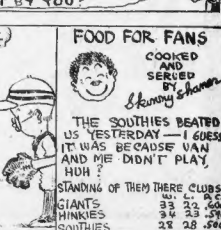
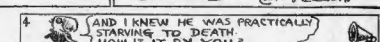
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WALTHAM SQUAD IS DIVIDED FOR SCRIMMAGES

The Waltham High football team is quickly rounding into condition for its opening game on Saturday with Marlboro High at Waltham. Coach Harry Dame has been putting his boys through stiff practice all this week and he is confident that they will start the season with a victory.

Five veterans are available for the team and the new material is exceptionally good. Captain Harold Johnson

The Marlboro boys have been practicing hard all week and the lineup for the Water City game has been selected.

Many Veterans Out for Melrose Eleven.

Melrose High will have a number of veterans this season and work will soon start in developing a team that hopes to win the state title. The coach, George Stirling is confident that a strong eleven

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—The Incongnito Cricket Club of England in its match with the Gentlemen of New York at the Staten Island Cricket Club, declared its best bowling 287 runs for 267 wickets.

HAMILTON, Sept. 11.—Myopia Freebooters defaulted to Dedham in the finals for the winning cup in the Myopia Club tournament.

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October 4—Huntington School at Melrose.
October 13, Natick High at Melrose.
October 18, Rovers High at Melrose.
October 25, Needham High at Melrose.
October 28, Needham High at Needham.
November 1, Needham High at Needham.
November 4, Quincy High at Quincy.
November 11, Swampscott High at Swampscott.
November 18, Swampscott High at Swampscott.
November 25, Swampscott High at Swampscott.
December 2, Swampscott High at Swampscott.
December 9, Swampscott High at Swampscott.
December 16, Swampscott High at Swampscott.
December 23, Swampscott High at Swampscott.
December 30, Swampscott High at Swampscott.

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Washington	1	2	2	2	2	2
BOSTON	10	6	6	6	6	6
Chicago	4	1	0	0	0	0
Detroit	1	6	6	6	6	6
St. Louis	10	6	6	6	6	6
New York	10	6	6	6	6	6
High	10	6	6	6	6	6
Louis, 10.	10	6	6	6	6	6

NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE.				
Lowell		* 3	4	* 6 316
Portland		8	12	* 19 4
Lawrence		4	5	* 3 623
Worcester		* 3	8	* 7 416
Lynn		* 1	6	* 11 11 4
Brookton		* 7	7	* 5 5
Fall River		* 15	3	* 5 4 7
New Bedford		7	7	* 6 7 1

High run Wednesday, Lawrence, 25.

*Postponed, rain or no game scheduled.

Dickinson predicts a strong eleven. The veterans who reported are Ralph Hyatt, Cunningham, Jacobs, Gardner, Harris and Chives. Manager Burton Mitchell has arranged the following schedule:

The work of Whitney, Curtis and Amoroso are showing exceptional ability as kickers. Falling on the ball and other light work will be in order today and tomorrow. The line of the team, Klock and Englehorn, are seemingly making good their efforts to whip the team into the best shape as soon as possible. Klock and Englehorn, who have been working on the building up of a presentable line, were somewhat cheered when Narylve Millmore of Somerville and Pudrith, last year's freshman tackle, fell in for practice. Millmore is being prepared for work. Millmore is a stout student and is a hard worker and should make a long bid for that position. Both Klock and Englehorn are in excellent condition. Pudrith has done considerable rowing all Summer and will be fit for scrimmage in

now on the principal players who have reported are from last year's varsity and freshman squads and are: Varsity—Captain Munns and Collier, guards; Laibr and Williamson, tackles; McHaffey and Rees, ends; McCutcheon and Williams, centres; Taber and Fritz, half backs. Freshmen—McCutcheon, Rees and Sheldon, ends; Gillan, tackle; Cool, centre; Shock and Barrett, backs.



AUTUMN.
The curtain rises on the beach of a
parting day.
The baseball fan Ailes homes
in on the play for his grand
He buys no sporting extra from
the press.
Nor carries a whoop for Grand,
Yank or Cub.
The crowd's hope is once read
in the paper.
No one hears Ailes scribble on
his brow.
The crowd's extra week ago,
quoth he.
"Way don't they play the city
game?"
Verily, this time of year only a few
months more and Walter Camp will
be a thing of the past.

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 11.—Light practice for the varsity football team will begin this both morning and afternoon for the remainder of the week.

It is possible that no scrimmages will be held before the opening of college on September 19, but the team is expected to be getting the run in some way.

Much attention is being given to tackling up the line, and the coaches are spending much time drilling the players in blocking and in falling on the ball. There seems to be plenty of confidence in the line, but one of which must be filled this year by new men. Phillips, who is the captain of the 1932 team left in the line, will probably be played at right tackle, and the new players will be at left tackle during most of the early games last year, seems to be the strongest.



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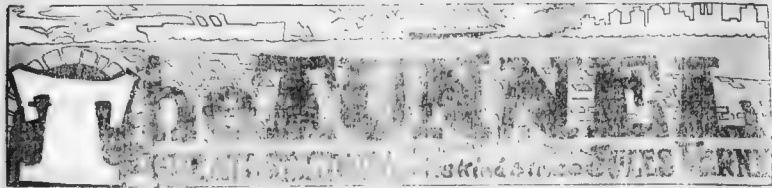
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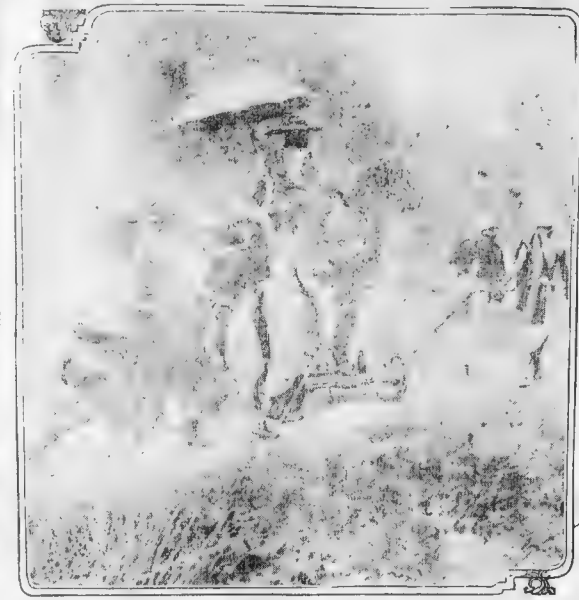
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Household Hints

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A Wooden Horse as a Royal Charger



Astir, a dummy steed set on a wheeled stand, and drawn along by his ministers: Zoumaou, King of the Dasse, and riding on an official visit—Among the picturesque petty Kings of Dahomey who paid homage to the French General Gailly recently was his ducky Majesty of the Dasse, who made his appearance in state mounted upon a fine example of the wooden horse, set upon a wheeled stand, and drawn along by his ministers.

Advice to the Lovelorn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX

WAIT FIVE YEARS

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: I am twenty-one and am very much in love with a girl twenty years her senior, and we would gladly marry, the only objection being a clause of her father's will, which states that she will lose her money if she marries before the age of twenty-five. She is willing to lose the money, but I can hardly bring myself to the point of letting her make this sacrifice.

ANALYST: Her father's last wish was that she should be married under the age of twenty-five, and she must consider that, though no heavy attached. The five years of waiting will not be long if you already have her as much as I have after marriage that her father's wish is not so much a burden as it seems to be, and not so much a burden as it seems to be.

IN A DIFFICULT PLACE

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: My friend and her friend and my friend and I have been in the habit of going out together. Her friend wants to pay more attention to me than he does to her. She noticed this and mentioned it to me, and I said it was not my fault. We have been each other's friends for a long time, and I am not sure that she is not a little bit jealous. As she is a friend of mine, and as I am not sure that she is not a little bit jealous, I will not let her know that I am not sure that she is not a little bit jealous.

AVOID FUTURE PAINS: I am not sure that she is not a little bit jealous. As she is a friend of mine, and as I am not sure that she is not a little bit jealous, I will not let her know that I am not sure that she is not a little bit jealous.

Bad Man. Mr. Silver—I was reading the other day that there are eight hundred ways of making a mistake. Mr. Silver, my dear, don't you think that if you tried hard you could learn one of them?

Behind Closed Doors

By ANNA KATHARINE GREEN

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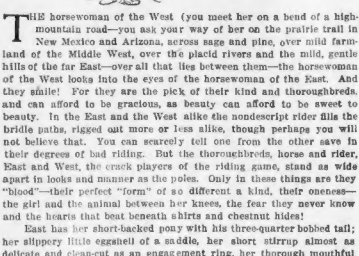
By FRANCES L. GABSIDE

Unfortunately for Obadiah, however, it was a case of unrequited affection, for the lady of his choice had made it plainly visible from time to time that his attentions were positively objectionable.

One day Obadiah turned up at her abode, looking daunted by his previous experiences. He was ushered into the drawing room by her two-year-old brother, Harry.

"Is your sister in?" asked Binks, nervously.

"No," replied the other, promptly.



AUGUST 17.—This morning the nurse wrapped me round and round in quilts and blankets "round in quilts and blankets." I looked like an Egyptian mummy, and then wheeled me out here to what Mrs. Allen calls the front "steep," where Alice is rooming. My daughter said she would have long played been cut off from my mother's love if I had looks "art of a handsome home," but that is not what I want.

"I will not go to talk about myself, and I am afraid that, man-like, too often avail myself of the opportunity. It is wonderful how every man likes to be persistently hang around himself both so unprofitable and uninteresting to himself."

West has her long-beaded, slim-legged pinto with his hint of Arab-Spanish horse who turned wild, bred in the Far West when it was new. Foretop and mane are long as banners and wind-whipped. The girl's hair whips in the wind to match. Her bridle is as simple as a thong as the Indians, with a trace of the silver and jingle about it; that the man loved. She has one bit—a curb—but, though a head and then a foot, she is double one—tender, gentle and subduing curb. Something of the wild and free with bridle hung to saddle horn, the pony's mouth free, traveling in halter and single rein. Her saddle is the "chaco" saddle of knighthood. There is much leather and comfort about it.

and she hurls it like a cavalryman. The wars soft hair is wide behind the ears and three dimples in the crown; soft skirt, glossy broad belt of leather, skirt short and divided, and the tan of the desert, sturdy boots, half of sole and broad of toe. Her stirrup is a braid, she feels that braid swallow her little foot. Her rope swings like a coiled snake against her thigh as she tucks up the tail of her dress. She has come from the Spanish jureado points to the vivid life of the Western sky. Her tans and golds, flowing mane and tail of hair match the brilliant yet thinly lovely coloring of the West—the sage, the single hills, the cottonwoods.

Par apart they took—both thoroughbreds, creek people, harmonious. In perfect form with the lands they are the flowers of. On the pale yellow of the grasses, the gray salt, the red sand, the black mud, the dark leather, would violate your eyes. In the velvet of the night, the white leather, wrenched pure legs, shaven forelock and tail, ring stirrups and spurs, would flash with the stars. They were made for the land, their domain would seem flapping with useless trappings. In their own eyes are fit and true.

Their lives are things are of one blood—their perfect "farm" is so different a kind, their success—the girl and the animal between her knees, and the horse that both breath 0298 and chestnut hides

AUGUST 17.—This morning the nurse wrapped me round and round in quilts and blankets "round in quilts and blankets." I looked like an Egyptian mummy, and then wheeled me out here to what Mrs. Allen calls the front "steep bed." Mrs. Allen is young; her daughter, who is married, has a baby; and she could have long played been cut

is the most wonderful. I am afraid that when I get back among my friends I will bore them by telling of the wonderful intelligence of a certain little aborigine and animal that the world's first prize exhibition is due pound.

"Fine dog, tint?" I said to Richards who had stepped out on the porch to

I had a quiet snitle over that. She
cares for me. Golly cares for me very
very much."
I shall write to her this afternoon and
tell her the same is very, very pretty
and that sometimes, when we are alone
and I am very lonely, she is almost to
die.

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Psarl: You are on the road to serious trouble if you continue to neglect that skin.

Worrier: Your letter leads me to believe that to remove the richness of neck and chin all you need is a good blood tonic.

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50 AND 52 SUMMER ST., BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 11, 1913.

LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NEW ENGLAND,
DAILY AND SUNDAY

Lesson for the New Haven in All-Steel Wreck

The New Haven Railroad will find a splendid object lesson in the wreck, Tuesday, of the "Twenty-four Hour St. Louis," one of the fastest trains of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Instead of being composed of wooden cars of ancient date, this train is made up of all-steel cars.

Running at excessive speed, for the train was late, the flyer struck a protruding rail at a spot where the tracks had been rebuilt after last year's flood, and had settled under the weight of the locomotive. The great steel train of a heavy engine and eight cars tore through a bridge and off the ties.

Six cars rolled over and over and landed uncrushed in a cornfield fifty feet from the track. Two cars did not even leave the track.

It was a much worse wreck than the recent terrible affair on the New Haven at Wallingford, yet there was no collapse of cars, no catching fire, and not one life was lost, though thirty-five persons were more or less severely injured. The remarkable escape is only another proof of the safety of and absolute necessity for steel railway cars.

We Kill Children With Impure Milk—And Starve Them With No Milk

That Is Worse Than Being a "Kid" Seethed in His Mother's
Milk—Lucky Are the Kids Born of Goats

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It is intended to call your attention to the fact that in these blessed days of pure food laws and civilization, tens of thousands of children are still killed every year by bad milk. And other thousands are killed because they haven't got ENOUGH milk of any kind.

When you read that very interesting part of Exodus, telling how Moses "was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water," recounting all the fine promises that the Lord made to Moses and the instructions that He gave him, you wish you might have another Moses and another interview lasting forty days and forty nights, to issue laws and orders in our day.

That ancient day was a bad day for everybody whose name ended in "ite" as we learn in Verse 2, Chapter 34:

"Behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite."

Wonderful things, as a favor to Moses, the Lord did to those whose name ended in "ite."

We would that He might come back and delight modern Moses by treating with similar severity the modern American business man whose money-making schemes begin and end with the poisoning of children and their elders with bad food.

You read in the papers that the children of New York City pay out for their pitiful lunches between school hours seventy-one million two hundred thousand pennies. The children of a few big cities, in their morning and noon recess, hand to food peddlers one hundred and fifty-six millions of pennies—and what they get in exchange is largely poison.

They get "chocolate" which is a kind of earth dug up in Turkey, and flavored with chocolate extract.

They get pickles dipped in acid, that would eat a hole in a piece of cloth.

They get abominable sausages, made of Heaven knows what; they get "ice cream cones" that, according to investigation, and PROOF, are made up of imitation milk and cream as regards the ice cream, and made up of sawdust and other refuse as regards the "cone."

And intelligent "civilization" is hesitating and wondering whether or not it ought to provide lunches to feed the stomachs of the half-starved school children, as it provides without charge expensive books to feed the brains that often cannot use the books for lack of proper nourishment.

You mustn't "seethe a kid in his mother's milk" unless you want to lose the good opinion of Moses, and of the Lord who talked to him for forty days and forty nights without stopping.

But in this country you can poison a child with bad milk, or with chocolate made of dirt, or food made of sawdust, and you can refine rich and live respected.

There is no better reading for the thoughtful man interested in the development of human intelligence, and its striving for the solution of the infinite, than that thirty-fourth chapter of Exodus.

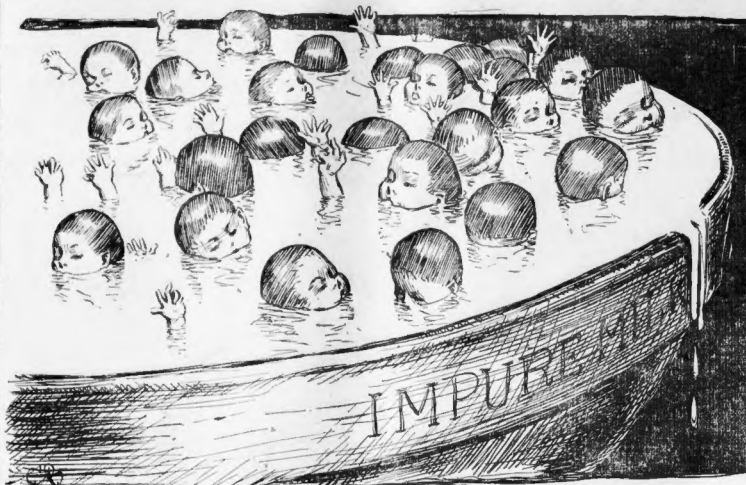
First, man must bring to the temple, to the Lord's house, the first born of every animal on the farm. For it was written:

"All that openeth the matrix is mine, and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male."

"But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck."

The first born of an ass, as you will observe, was not to be taken to the religious gentlemen, but instead of the young ass, a lamb. If the young ass—coll—was not "redeemed," its neck must be broken, so that the sinful owner should not profit by his failure to redeem it.

"Thou Shalt Not Seethe a Kid in His Mother's Milk"



—Exodus, 34:26

That text, of course, refers to the children of GOATS, not the children of men. Tens of thousands of our human children would be luckier if they were goat "kids," and protected by SOME law. (See editorial.)

In the Movies—In Real Life



We are sorry to say that long ago there were some wicked enough to suggest that the religious brethren took a lamb instead of a young ass because the lamb was good to eat—the ass wasn't. And as the brethren did not work, they did not need an ass for labor.

As to that, we can only say, in the quaint reverent language of the wise Voltaire:

"Quand a nous nous ne questionnons pas, mais adorons."

And let us not be too proud of our superiority to the simple-minded brethren of old who took their firstlings as sacrifices—substituting a lamb for an inedible ass coll.

Let us remember that tens of thousands of human "kids" are sacrificed every year to ignorance and dishonesty, and other hundreds of thousands sacrificed in mills and mines and sweatshops.

A few of us have achieved comfort, automobiles, millions and luxury. But for the body of humanity we have not progressed so far beyond the days of Moses, four thousand years ago, when the wisest of his day wrote down food and health laws, after talking forty days and nights to the author of all wisdom.

Dorothy Dix's Article

—ON—
Parents and Children—Former
Should Make Later
Respect Them,
and Begin While
They Are Young,
or the Task Is
Hopeless



By DOROTHY DIX

A CHINESE scholar, who recently lectured in this city, says that a great deal of the late progress in his country has been due to the respect and affection in which young men hold their mothers, and that it is not surprising that Chinese children honor their parents, since they are taught to do so by means of the very first reader.

I wonder if it would be possible to borrow any of these Chinese first readers for use in American schools and homes?

Here's a Chance for China to Teach Us a Needed Lesson

We have spent a lot of effort and money in sending missionaries over to the so-called heathen Chinese. Here's a chance for China to repay the debt and send over some first readers to hoodlum America.

While the good ladies in China, however, are holding oyster suppers, and church fairs, and sewing bees to raise the money for their missionary enterprise for our benefit, it may not be amiss for American parents to take note of the fact that the volume that is found so efficacious in the youthful breast is the FIRST READER. It is not the Differential Calculus, or Kant on Pure Reason, or any of the high-brow literature that a man peruses in his mature years.

Which is to say, that if you want your child to treat you with reverence and respect, you must instill those sentiments in him while he is young and not wait for him to acquire them when he comes to the years of discretion. Conduct is nine-tenths habit. Unconsciously we go on treating people the way we have always treated them, and the son and daughter who have run rough shod over their parents in their childhood continue to run rough shod over them in their manhood and womanhood.

We Americans are very scornful because the Chinese worship their ancestors, but ancestor worship is a much less dangerous religion than that child worship that prevails among us. It does a great grandfather's spirit no harm to be prayed to, but it eventually ruins the child for its parents to kowtow and knock their foreheads before it.

How other folkings act we do not know, but it fills the American brand with an insufferable self-complacency and self-esteem, and makes it a grinding tyrant who tramples his slaves into the dust. The modern car of Juggernaut is the perambulator, and millions of American parents cast themselves before it and let it crush out all of the comfort and happiness of their lives.

Practically in every family you know the children are the Ones Who Must Be Obeyed. Their will is law. Their opinions decide matters. They have the best clothes. They go to places of amusement while the parents stay at home, upper servants to look after the children's wants.

Children Selfish Because They Are Taught to Be That Way

And the children repay this attitude of their parents just as you would expect. They are insolent and overbearing, and selfish and disobedient, because they have been taught to be. They have been brought up, tacitly at least to look down upon their parents and despise them. They never have been made to consider their parents, and it never occurs to them to do so.

The other day a prosperous look-

ing man entered a subway car with a much dressed up little boy about six years old. There was only one vacant seat and the child made a dart for it and got it. The man said, "Son, let father have that seat and you can sit in his lap." "Huh," responded son, "I got it first, and I'm going to keep it." And he did, while the man hung on to a strap.

Children Raised in That Way Are a Curse to the Community

Everybody round about looked balefully at the child and as if they'd give five dollars to have him turned across their knees in a good sleeping position for about five minutes, but I thought there should be some sort of a commission appointed to commit such parents to the asylum for the feeble minded.

For that man, and parents of his ilk, are not only raising up their children to be a heartbreak to themselves, but a curse to the community. It is these children who are brought up without any respect for their parents, or regard for others, and who are greedily impatient on getting the best for themselves, who make countless thousands mourn by their inhumanity.

Of course it seems to the adoring parents that it's cute for a tiny tot to defy them. They make a hundred excuses when Johnnie is impatient to them, and Mary talks back when they dare to reproach her. They even think it funny when their child openly criticizes their ways, because they are so sure that when it grows up it will appreciate all they have done for it and the sacrifices they have made.

It is a fallacious hope. Unless you have established an authority over a child before it is three years old, unless you have bred respect and reverence in it from its very cradle, you will never get anything from that child but contempt. And it's really all you deserve, because you had your chance and you threw it away. The Chinese are an older and, in many respects, a wiser people than we. That's why the child's lesson in its duty to its parents begins in the First Reader.

There is no other feature to American life that is so pathetic and so altogether wrong as the relationship that exists between parents and children, and the fact that in the average family the father and mother are so afraid of their children that they dare not call their souls their own must make angels weep.

Often the parents have given the children, at incredible sacrifices to themselves, advantages that they never had in their own youth, but instead of the sons and daughters being filled with gratitude and appreciation they are ashamed of their father and mother, and correct them so often about their grammar and their manners, and their way of dress, that the poor old people go trembling before them.

The Only Time to Learn This Lesson Is in Early Youth

It is for these young upstarts, without reverence for age or respect for their parents, that we need a hundred shiploads of Chinese First Readers. There can be no better education for boys and girls than to be taught to honor their parents, and the only time in life in which this lesson can be thoroughly learned is in early youth.

And this is something for parents also to take home. If you want your children to reverence you when you are old, you must make them respect you when they are young.